

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2006
(Approved December 4, 2006)

The Board of Supervisors held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, November 20, 2006. Present for the meeting were supervisors Robert F. Preston, John Doering, Jr., Tim Roland and Rosemarie C. Miller. Also in attendance were Casey LaLonde, Township Manager and John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor. Mr. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

RIDGE FIRE COMPANY – NEW FIRE POLICE OFFICER

Joseph Inzone was introduced as the newest member of the Ridge Fire Company Fire Police. Doering made a motion to approve Mr. Inzone's appointment as a Fire Police Officer. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

TOWNSHIP AUDITOR INTERVIEWS FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006, 2007 & 2008

Barbacane, Thornton & Company

Robert Barbacane and Pam Baker presented their qualifications to the Board of Supervisors for the appointed position of Township Auditor for the period ending December 31, 2006, 2007 & 2008.

Maillie, Falconiero & Company, LLP

Scott Detar of Maillie, Falconiero & Company presented his firm's qualifications to the Board of Supervisors for the appointed position of Township Auditor for the period ending December 31, 2006, 2007 & 2008.

At the conclusion of the interviews, the Board of Supervisors made no decision on the appointment.

1. MINUTES

Roland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2006. Doering seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Brown, Chair of the Historical Commission, submitted a copy of the Commission's 2007 budget request. She also requested that all subdivision and land development plans are submitted to the Township Historical Commission on the same schedule as the Township Planning Commission.

Walt Woessner, Vice-Chairman of the Township Planning Commission, discussed the topic of reforestation in regards to several Township subdivision and land development plans. Township Code specifically calls for a 2 for 1 replacement of trees removed during the site improvements phase of a subdivision project. Mr. Woessner stated that in some cases, such as the Wineberry Estates project, the resulting trees would be crowded too close together, causing future problems. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to revisit the issue and devise a logical solution.

Mr. Woessner also discussed the Township Planning Commission's recent recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to deny the Ivywood Estates project and the Woodcrest Estates II project.

There was a consensus of the Board to provide a 30-day notice to the developer of the Woodcrest Estates II project to restart the plan review or face plan denial on December 20, 2006.

NORTHERN FEDERATION REGIONAL RESOURCE PROTECTION PLAN

Miller made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt the Northern Federation Regional Resource Protection Plan as an amendment to the Township Comprehensive Plan for adoption by December 31, 2006. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

DAVID HEIM RESOLUTION

Miller made a motion to have the Township Manager draft a Resolution acknowledging David Heim's volunteer contributions to East Coventry Township as Mr. Heim recently announced he is moving from the Township. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

SHARON COSSABOON RESOLUTION

Doering made a motion to have the Township Manager draft a Resolution acknowledging Sharon Cossaboon's volunteer contributions on the Township Historical Commission as Ms. Cossaboon recently submitted her resignation. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0. As Ms. Cossaboon's current appointment expires on 12/31/06, the Resolution shall be taken up at the first Board meeting in January.

3. SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

BLOSSOM MEADOWS I – ALL COUNTY PARTNERSHIP

Doering made a motion to execute the Deed of Dedication and all supporting documents for the dedication of Blossom Lane, contingent on receiving the proper mylar and CD plans. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

CREEKVIEW – HERITAGE BUILDING GROUP

Doering made a motion to approve escrow release #14. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

BRANDIE LAYNE – AMBASSADOR HOMES

Tabled to December 4, 2006.

IVYWOOD ESTATES – TH PROPERTIES

Doering made a motion to deny the Ivywood Estates subdivision and land development plan due to outstanding plan technical issues that the applicant has failed to resolve. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0. The Township Solicitor was directed to draft the required notification letter with the assistance of the Township Engineer, Township Planner and Township Manager

4. OTHER BUSINESS

2007 SPCA CONTRACT

Doering made a motion to approve the 2007 SPCA contract in the amount of \$1,655.00. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The Township Manager reported that representatives of Philomena & Salamone, the developers of the Strutinski tract on Wells Road have requested a staff meeting to discuss the development's traffic impact. It was suggested by the Township's Traffic Engineer that one or two members of the Township Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors should attend the meeting. Jay Doering and Rosemarie Miller expressed interest in attending. The meeting is to be scheduled during the next three weeks.

Doering announced his intention to leave the Board meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Roland made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

STORM WATER DISCUSSION

Township Engineer Brady Flaharty presented his 11/7/06 letter in which he recommended strategies to reduce storm water run in future development projects. Roland made a motion to adopt the Township Engineer's recommendations to reduce storm water discharge rates. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-0.

ELLIS WOODS ROAD / CEDARVILLE ROAD STOP SIGN

The Township Manager was directed to budget funds to study the intersection of Ellis Woods Road and E. Cedarville Road to create a four-way stop sign intersection.

ARRO CONFLICT OF INTEREST – PAINTER PROPERTY

Per Arro's 10/17/06 letter, the Board suggested ARRO Consulting to not review any plans related to the Painter tract.

2007 BUDGET DISCUSSION

A review of the 2007 Township budget commenced. The discussion highlights follow:

Capital Reserve Fund

The Board agreed to move all capital related items from General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund, to include all revenue and expenditure items. Two new lines were approved, including "Developer Contributions" and "Fee in-lieu-of Open Space"

Highway Aid Budget

The Board agreed to delete the \$22,000 pickup truck expenditure.

The Board directed the Township Manager to improve and pave Bard Road and work with North Coventry Township to abandon Spiece Road from E. Cedarville Road southwest into North Coventry Township.

Sewer Fund Budget

The Board agreed to increase line item # 364.120 from 400 EDU's to 500 EDU's and reallocate some of the salaries back to General Fund. Also, move line item # 414.370 to General Fund and delete the \$11,000 pickup truck expenditure. Finally, add pump station maintenance and materials costs to budget.

Traffic Impact Fund Budget

No changes.

General Fund Budget

The Board agreed, as discussed before, to move all capital revenue and expenditures to the Capital Reserve Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie C. Miller
Township Secretary